

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-18 and add new claims 19 - 33 as follows:

19. (New) A system, comprising:

a common generation file adapted to create a predefined output file compatible with each of a plurality of computing platforms; and

a compiler configured to compile the common generation file with a data file to generate the predefined output file, wherein the data file has a predefined structure which is platform independent.

20. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the common generation file is written in a lowest common denominator language utilized by each of the plurality of computing platforms.

21. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the common generation file is further adapted to accept as input a name of the data file, the predefined structure of the data file and a type of one of the plurality of computing platforms.

22. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the data file is a modified data file.

23. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein the common generation file is further adapted to:

extract data stored in an original data file according to the predefined structure;  
process modifications to the data; and  
save the modified data into the modified data file according to the predefined structure.

24. (New) The system according to claim 19, wherein the plurality of computing platforms includes one of UNIX, DOS, MAC, Windows 3.x, Windows 9x, Windows NT and Palm.

25. (New) The system according to claim 20, wherein the lowest common denominator language is one of Pascal, C, C++, TCL, BASIC and Java.

26. (New) A method, comprising the steps of:

receiving a formatted data file, the data file having a predefined structure which is platform independent;

compiling a common generation file with the data file to generate a predefined output file which is compatible with one of a plurality of computing platforms, wherein the common generation file is written in a lowest common denominator language utilized by each of the plurality of computing platforms.

27. (New) A method according to claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

extracting data stored in the formatted original data file according to the predefined structure;

processing modifications to the data;  
saving the modified data into a modified data file according to the predefined structure; and  
performing the compiling step with the common generation file and the modified data file.

28. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the modifications to the data include one of adding a new data field and deleting an existing data field.

29. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the formatted data file is created as a function of an unformatted input file.

30. (New) The method according to claim 26, wherein the predefined structure is one of XML, ASCII and binary.

31. (New) The method according to claim 26, further comprising the step of:  
receiving an input of a type of the one of the plurality of computing platforms,  
wherein the predefined output file is compatible with the one of a plurality of computing platforms.

32. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a set of instructions, the set of instructions capable of being executed by a processor, the set of instructions performing the steps

of:

receiving a formatted data file, the data file having a predefined structure which is platform independent;

compiling a common generation file with the data file to generate a predefined output file which is compatible with one of a plurality of computing platforms, wherein the common generation file is written in a lowest common denominator language utilized by each of the plurality of computing platforms.

33. (New) The set of instructions according to claim 32, further performing the steps of:

extracting data stored in the formatted original data file according to the predefined structure;

processing modifications to the data;

saving the modified data into a modified data file according to the predefined structure; and

performing the compiling step with the common generation file and the modified data file.